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MEMORANDUM FOR IERA/RSRH, 2513 Kennedy Circle, Brooks Air Force Base, TX 78235-5123

SUBJECT: Department of Defense (DoD) Global Influenza Surveillance

- 1. LTC William Nauschuetz, clinical microbiologist, Department of Pathology and Area Laboratory Services (DPALS), Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), will serve as the Army's representative to the Joint Influenza Surveillance Working Group (JISWG). DPALS, BAMC, will serve as the Army's central virology laboratory for the isolation and identification of influenza viruses. Other medical center laboratories will continue to isolate and identify influenza viruses, but DPALS, BAMC, would be responsible for subtype determinations of isolates submitted from Army sites.
- 2. Our point of contact is COL James Bolton, Army Laboratory Program Manager, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Health Policy and Services, DSN 471-6344 or Commercial (210) 221-6344.

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